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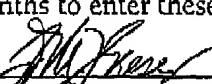
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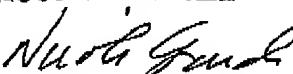
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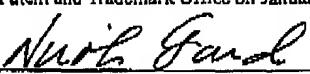
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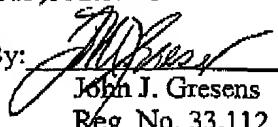
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 15, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004.

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